

CRT Meeting Notes

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Digital Storytimes

Why a digital storytime?

- As with traditional print materials, librarians are in a position to recommend quality digital resources that are developmentally appropriate
- Opportunity to model best practices for sharing digital media with young children

Integrating digital media into existing services:

- Use digital media in storytime by incorporating apps that fit with your storytime theme and the early literacy skills you're focusing on
- Offer a standalone program in which you present quality apps and model to parents/caregivers how to share apps with young children
- Create a recommended app list and distribute it with you lists of recommended books
- Bring a tablet with you to daycare/preschool visits and use an app that you would recommend to early ed. teachers
- While planning to use digital media in storytimes - take a look at this checklist for identifying exemplary uses of technology and interactive media for early learning - <http://fredrogers143.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Checklist-for-Identifying-Exemplary-Uses.pdf>

Consider the 3 C's (from Lisa Guernsey):

- Content – does the media promote early literacy/learning skills?
- Context – how is the media being integrated into your storytime/programming? What's its purpose?
- Child – is the media developmentally appropriate for the children in your storytime?

Choosing an app:

- Evaluate digital media the same as you would print media, consult reviews (review sources listed below), search for YouTube video reviews of the app in action
- It should be easy to use and navigate and contain no ads/pop-ups
- It should encourage active participation
- It should encourage the development of multiple literacies

Explaining the use of digital media in storytime:

- Parents or library administrators may question the use of digital media in storytime. Point to the research (sources listed below) and connect the apps you're using to the early literacy/learning skills you are addressing in your storytime.
- Cite the use of digital media as an opportunity to demonstrate to parents and caregivers meaningful ways to share apps with young children

Resources

- Research
 - ALSC White Paper: Media Mentorship in Libraries Serving Youth
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/white-papers/mediamentorship>
 - The Technology in Early Childhood Center at Erikson Institute
<http://teccenter.erikson.edu/>
- Best Practices
 - *Becoming a Media Mentor: A Guide for Working with Children and Families* by Claudia Haines, Cen Campbell, and ALSC
 - The Little eLit Book
<https://littleelit.com/book/>
 - Fred Rogers Center: Digital Media & Learning Resources
<http://www.fredrogerscenter.org/initiatives/digital-media-learning/resources/>
 - The Joan Ganz Cooney Center
<http://www.joanganzcooneycenter.org/>
- Professional Development
 - Digital Storytime: Kids, Apps, and Libraries
Asynchronous Online course from Wisconsin State Library
<https://media.dpi.wi.gov/pld/digital-storytime/story.html>
 - Media Mentorship in Libraries Serving Youth: A Primer
Webinar: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/media-mentorship-libraries-serving-youth-primer>
 - Best Practices for Apps/eBooks in Storytime
Webinar:
https://ala.adobeconnect.com/_a1087453682/p73yvn708l8/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal
- App Reviews
 - Carissa Christner from the Madison County Library has several resources:
 - App Fairy Podcast
<http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/kids/appfairy>
 - Library Makers Apps in the News
<http://librarymakers.blogspot.com/search/label/Apps%20News>
 - App Picks for Kids (can sign-up for newsletter)
<http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/kids/apps?page=1>
 - School Library Journal
<http://www.slj.com/category/reviews/apps/>
 - The Horn Book
<http://www.hbook.com/category/choosing-books/app-review-of-the-week/>
 - Little eLit
<https://littleelit.com/app-lists-reviews/app-lists/>
 - Reading Rockets
<http://www.readingrockets.org/literacyapps>
 - Common Sense Media
<https://www.common sense.org/education/reviews/all>
 - Checklist for Inclusive High Quality Media
<https://www.joinkidmap.org/digchecklist/>

- Logistics
 - The Little eLit Book Chapter Six: New Media in Storytimes: Strategies for Using Tablets in a Program Setting
<https://littleelit.files.wordpress.com/2015/03/new-media-in-storytime-christner-hicks-koester.pdf>
 - 10 Ways to Show Your iPad on a Projector Screen
<http://learninginhand.com/blog/ways-to-show-your-ipad-on-a-projector-screen?rq=ipad%20mirror>
- Resources for Families
 - Family Time with Apps: A Guide to Using Apps with Your Kids
<http://www.joanganzcooneycenter.org/publication/family-time-with-apps/>
 - AAP Family Media Plan Tool
<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/media/Pages/default.aspx>
 - The Three C's: Content, Context, and Your Child http://www.tapclickread.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/2016.06.26_NA_TCR_3Cs.pdf